

Claims:

1. A polypeptide having the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID No. 1 in substantially purified form, a homologue thereof or a fragment of the sequence or homologue of a fragment.

2. A polypeptide according to claim 1 having the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID No. 1.

3. DNA encoding a polypeptide according to claim 1.

4. DNA according to claim 3 having the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID No. 2 or a fragment thereof capable of selectively hybridizing to SEQ ID No. 2.

5. DNA according to claim 3 having the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID No. 3 or a fragment thereof capable of selectively hybridizing to SEQ ID No. 3.

6. A replication and expression vector comprising DNA according to any one of claims 3 to 5.

7. Host cells transformed or transfected with a replication and expression vector according to claim 6.

8. A method of producing a polypeptide which comprises culturing host cells according to claim 7 under conditions effective to express a polypeptide according to claim 1 or 2.

9. A monoclonal or polyclonal antibody to a polypeptide according to claim 1 or 2.

10. A pharmaceutical composition containing a polypeptide according to claims 1 or 2 or an antibody according to claim 9 in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent and/or carrier.